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Opening of a Jaggery Manufacturing Co-operative Society at Badadka

* 2341 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received a representation, dated 16th August 1954, from Sri K. Appu Kunhi and other ex-tappers of Badadka village in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, requesting to organize a Jaggery Manufacturing Co-operative Society there; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Deputy Registrar examined the possibility of forming a Jaggery Co-operative Society at Badadka but gave up the scheme as the village is in the interior and enforcement cannot be exercised effectively."

Madras Fire Service

* 2342 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Madras Fire Service was brought under the Police department; and

(*b*) whether the services of all persons in the department have been regularized?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Fire Service Branch was placed under the control of the Inspector-General of Police with effect from the afternoon of 30th September 1949.

" (*b*) The services of all the persons employed in the Fire Service Branch have been regularized, except those of three lower division clerks, one steno-typist and one typist who are employed temporarily under the emergency provisions."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether the persons holding office get the same scale of pay and service conditions as are given to the persons of the same cadre in Police Service? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Police Service is quite different from the Fire Service. Therefore, I am not quite sure whether the scales of pay of the persons belonging to the Police Service could be made applicable to those of the Fire Service also."

Sri P. SELVARAJ :—" May I know, Sir, whether the merger of the Fire Services with the Police department is on the principle of economy or efficiency? " 10 a.m.

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, a separate Head of the Department will be costly. For efficient working of the department also, it was decided in the year 1949 that it should be under the Inspector-General of Police."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Am I to understand that this is still kept as a separate department and there has been no amalgamation of the Fire Services with the Police service? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There has been no amalgamation of the Fire Service with the Police Service."

Strike in the Tile Works at Pinarayi, Malabar

* 2343 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many workers are involved in the strike in the Tile Works at Pinarayi near Tellicherry, Malabar, going on since 14th March 1955;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any conciliation proceedings; and

(*c*) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Fifty-three workers of the Tellicherry Tile Company, Ltd., Pinarayi, are involved in the strike.

" (*b*) The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, conducted conciliation proceedings in the matter on 17th March 1955.

" (*c*) Both the parties came to an agreement on all the demands except on those for an increase in wages and payment of bonus. The issues relating to fixation of wages of the workers and bonus for the years 1951–52, 1952–53 and 1953–54, have been referred for adjudication."

Treatment for N.G.Os. at Sengipatti T.B. Sanatorium

* 2344 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received from the Non-Gazetted Officers under medical treatment at T.B. Sanatorium, Sengipatti, Tanjore district, in the year 1954 for the grant of free concessions to which they are eligible; and

(*b*) whether there was any delay in the disposal of these applications; and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 15, Sir.

" (*b*) The question whether any reimbursement of medical expenses can be made when Non-Gazetted Officers and employees of local bodies undergo treatment in a private Tuberculosis sanatorium and if so on what conditions, was under the consideration of Government and orders were finally issued in the matter on 5th May 1955. Steps were taken afterwards to dispose of the applications."